



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Yasushi Hibi, et al. **Examiner:** Thomas Noland  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

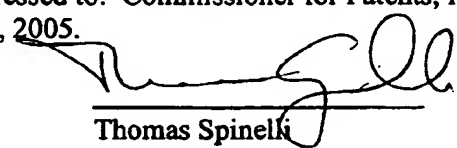
Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated June 22, 2005, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-16 for continued prosecution herein.

Furthermore, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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